

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the claims of record with the following full set of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:

a storage medium including a variation therein, said variation being physically unique to said storage medium;

read means for reading content data and control logic data from the storage medium, the control logic data being uniquely linked to the storage medium through said variations, the control logic data comprising executable code or instructions, wherein access to the control logic data is obtained by reading of said variation;

processing means, coupled to the read means, for processing the content data and feeding the processed content data to an output; and

control means, coupled to the read means, for executing the control logic data and for controlling the processing means in accordance with the control logic data being executed.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the read means are arranged for reading out said variation variations in a physical parameter of the storage medium, said variation variations exhibiting a modulation pattern representing a necessary parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the control logic data is stored encrypted on the storage medium, and the necessary parameter comprises a decryption key to decrypt the encrypted control logic data.

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the necessary parameter comprises authentication data for the control logic data, and the control means are arranged for verifying the authenticity of the control logic data

using the authentication data before executing the control logic data.

5. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the storage medium comprises an integrated circuit which contains a necessary parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data, and the read means are arranged for reading out the necessary parameter from the integrated circuit.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the read means are further arranged for storing a value of an additional parameter on the integrated circuit.

7. (Currently amended) A storage medium comprising content data and control logic data and further including a variation therein, said variation being physically unique to said storage medium, the control logic data being uniquely linked to the storage medium through said variations, the control logic data comprising executable code or instructions, which provides instruction for reading the content data from the storage medium in accordance with the code being executed wherein access to the control logic data is obtained by reading of said variation.

8. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 7, ~~comprising an~~ wherein said variation comprises an integrated circuit which contains a necessary parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data.

9. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 7, ~~exhibiting variations in a physical parameter of the storage medium~~, said variation ~~variations~~ exhibiting a modulation pattern representing a necessary parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data.

10. (Previously presented) The storage medium of claim 7, comprising an

optical storage medium.

11. (Currently amended) A host apparatus, comprising:

read means for reading content data and control logic data from a storage medium, said storage medium further including a variation therein, said variation being physically unique to said storage medium, the control logic data being uniquely linked to the storage medium through said variations, the control logic data comprising executable code or instructions wherein reading of said variation provides access to the control logic data;

processing means, coupled to the read means, for processing the content data and feeding the processed content data to an output; and

control means, coupled to the read means, for executing the control logic data and for controlling the processing means in accordance with the control logic data being executed to enable the host apparatus to establish that the host apparatus is installed in a compliant system and, when installed in the compliant system, to enable the processing means to feed the processed content data to an output.

12. (Currently amended) The host apparatus according to claim 11, ~~wherein the read means are arranged for reading out variations in a physical parameter of the storage medium~~; said variation variations exhibiting a modulation pattern representing a parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data.

13. (Previously presented) The host apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the control logic data is stored encrypted on the storage medium, and the parameter comprises a decryption key for decrypting the encrypted control logic data.

14. (Previously presented) The host apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the parameter includes authentication data for the control logic data, and

the control means are arranged for verifying the authenticity of the control logic data using the authentication data before executing the control logic data.

15. (Previously presented) The host apparatus according to claim 11, wherein ~~the storage medium~~ the variation represents includes an integrated circuit containing a parameter for obtaining access to the control logic data, and the read means are arranged for reading the parameter from the integrated circuit.

16. (Previously presented) The host apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the read means are further arranged to store a value of an additional parameter on the integrated circuit.

17. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
a host apparatus that includes:

read means for reading content data and control logic data from a storage medium, the control logic data being uniquely linked to the storage medium through a physical variation in said storage medium, the control logic data comprising executable code or instructions wherein access to the control logic data is obtained by reading of the variation physically associated with the storage medium;

processing means, coupled to the read means, for processing the content data and feeding the processed content data to an output; and

control means, coupled to the read means, for executing the control logic data and for controlling the processing means in accordance with the control logic data being executed to enable the host apparatus to establish that the host apparatus is installed in a compliant system and, when installed in the compliant system, to enable the processing means to feed the processed content data to

an output; and
a multimedia terminal coupled to the output of the host apparatus.

18. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 17, wherein the system is configured for engaging in an authentication protocol between the host apparatus and the multimedia terminal to establish a common encryption key for encrypting the processed content data before feeding the processed content data to the output.

19. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 17, comprising one of a Compact Disc player, a DVD player, a personal computer, a television system and a radio system.